

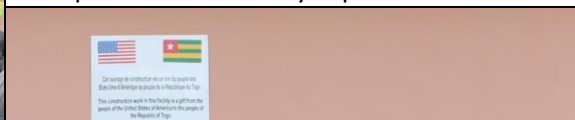
Year in Review

In total, the United States Government gave **\$14,446,257 (7 223 128 500 FCFA) in FY2013** in development aid to Togo. Among many worthy projects, this year's USG support included the building of 5 rural schools and two medical clinics through the Department of Defense Humanitarian Assistance Program (HAP), the funding of 12 community projects through The Ambassador's Special Self Help Program (SSH), funding for the fight against HIV/AIDS, and a partnership with the Togolese Bar Association through The Democracy and Human Rights Fund (DHRF) to promote the rights of prison detainees.



Year to Come

USG development aid to Togo will continue in 2015, with many exciting projects in the works. The Department of Defense Humanitarian Assistance Program (HAP) will build a medical laboratory, a kindergarten for deaf children, and an extension of a maternity ward. Local community needs in all five of Togo's regions will be met through The Ambassador's Special Self Help Program (SSH). The Democracy and Human Rights Program (DHRF) will work in conjunction with a local NGO to promote the rights of people with disabilities. DHRF will also fund trainings to empower teachers, journalists, and local leaders in the fight against corruption in Togo. The Department of Defense HIV/AIDS Prevention Program will send two military doctors to the US for training and will work in conjunction with the Togolese Armed Forces to improve its laboratory capabilities.



Gblainvié Primary School Inauguration, December 23rd

U.S. Embassy Lomé inaugurated two new Primary School buildings in Gblainvié, benefiting around 240 school children from 7 surrounding villages. Dana Banks, Chargée d'Affaires, a.i., addressed the students, saying, "The Embassy of the United States of America continues to support the construction of schools throughout Togo for a simple reason. We believe that all children have the right to go to school, with constant support and encouragement from their parents and community leaders." Following her speech, the community presented her with a gift of traditional cloth. The ceremony included dancing, singing, and performances of the Togolese and American national anthems. The two new school buildings include six classrooms, two offices and storerooms, two open halls serving as meeting spaces or open classrooms, verandas on all sides, and a rain-water collection system with six large tanks, and latrines with four stalls. The Turkish company CNAF built the facility in cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) through a budget of \$341,000, around 170 million FCFA, given by the Department of Defense Humanitarian Assistance Program (DOD HAP).